1 <u>ABSTRACT</u>

invention provides a durable and self-2 The present verifying secure document system and a method for its 3 production, wherein counterfeiting is prevented. The secure 4 document system is potentially useful for a wide variety of 5 documents including, but not limited to, lottery tickets, 6 currency, traveler's checks, passports, stock and bond 7 certificates, bank notes, driver's licenses, wills, coupons, 8 rebates, contracts, food stamps, magnetic stripes, test answer 9 forms, invoices, tickets, inventory forms, tags, labels and 10 original artwork. The instant invention provides a plastic 11 paper substitute having various indicia associated therewith 12 including visible and hidden indicia. Application of the 13 hidden indicia to the plastic paper substitute is implemented 14 in accordance with a computer software program, and the 15 document includes an integral lens area which is particularly 16 designed to verify the document's authenticity by rendering the 17 18 hidden indicia visible to the viewer. The instant invention is particularly durable when produced on one of the modern plastic 19 paper substitutes. 20

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